

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 647  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Clifford Hill of  
Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Clifford "Jimmy" Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was an exemplary public servant and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryville and a member of the 1946 undefeated Rebel football team, Jimmy Hill was a gifted football player who graduated from Maryville High School in 1947; and

WHEREAS, while studying at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Hill played defensive back for coach General Robert Neyland, who was responsible for giving him the nickname "Cowboy"; he was a valuable member of the Volunteers' National Championship team in 1951; and

WHEREAS, during his college career, Jimmy Hill also lettered in baseball and track and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Hill was drafted by the Detroit Lions and played professional football from 1951 to 1956; his professional career also included affiliations with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Ottawa Rough Riders (of the Canadian Football League); and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Jimmy Hill decided to return home to Maryville with his wife, Jane, and their young son, and from 1956 to 1987, he served with acumen and alacrity as Co-Owner and Manager of Minton's Department Store, in which position he earned the respect and admiration of his customers for the exemplary quality of his merchandise and the personal and caring manner in which he related to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, ever-devoted to the noble service of his country, Mr. Hill served as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1952 to 1982, serving as Chairman of the Tennessee Selective Service System from 1980 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Hill's was a familiar face to his fellow citizens, as he served as Chair of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, as Chairman of the Tennessee Conservation Commission, as a member of the Maryville City Council, as a member of the Board of Directors of both the Blount National Bank and First American National Bank, as President of the T-Club, and as a member of the Maryville Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was also an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Maryville, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Hill was deeply devoted to his family, always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jane Minton Hill, and was the proud father of Eddie and Elizabeth Hill, Kathy and Brian Murphy, and David Hill; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents, C.O. and Edith Whisman Hill, and a grandson, Christopher James Murphy, Jimmy Hill will be dearly and daily missed by grandchildren, Katie Hill, Russell Morrell, Elizabeth Paige Hill, Matthew Murphy, and Michael

Murphy, his brother, Don Hill, his sister-in-law, Helen Grubbs, and several nieces and nephews;  
and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Hill leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Clifford "Jimmy" Hill, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.